



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Group D Occupancies		
Code Section(s)	Section 3.08, Title 19, California Code of Regulations		
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1. Are the Group D Occupancies referred to in Title 19 now Group R Occupancies as included in the California Building Code?

Yes. Group D occupancies are now classified as Group R-2 and R-6 Occupancies.

2. Is it the intent of the Code to require drapes, curtains, and other decorative materials to be flame-retardant in common areas, such as recreation rooms and/or lobbies in Group R, Division 2 occupancies?

Yes.

3. Is it the intent of the Code to require drapes, curtains, and other decorative materials to be flame-retardant treated in the individual sleeping rooms in Group R, Division 2 occupancies?

Not entirely. Exception (a) of Section 3.08 allows cubicle curtains, drapes, and other decorative materials to be non-flame retardant in individual sleeping rooms of Institutional and Residential Care Occupancies. However, decorative materials in the individual sleeping room are not exempt from the flame retardant requirements.

4. Do these requirements apply to all Group R occupancies? If not, which "R" Occupancies would not be included and why?

No. The requirements of Section 3.08 do not apply to Group R, Division 3 occupancies considered single family residences or individual dwelling units in Group R, Division 1 occupancies. However, they do apply to Group R, Division 3 occupancies that are utilized as large family day care homes.